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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) San Ysidro – FBI Launching Campaign to Cut Down on Border Patrol Corruption

(U) The FBI is launching a new campaign to report corruption on the border. Just two weeks ago, a 10-year San Diego Border Patrol veteran was arrested after he delivered drug-filled backpacks in exchange for bribes totaling at least \$10,000, according to the FBI. The FBI's Public Corruption Unit is attempting to combat this problem by rolling out a border corruption public awareness campaign. The messages are being disseminated via social media platforms, website, billboards and posters.

SOURCE: 29 December 2016, [SW6](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia – US Takes Action Against Russia for Election Activities and Hacking

(U) Washington – President Obama's administration announced sweeping new measures against Russia yesterday following Russian activities interfering with US elections and hacking. The administration released a listing of addresses of computers linked to the Russian cyberattacks and samples of malware inserted into US systems. The measures against Russia include sanctions on two Russian intelligence agencies, three companies that are believed to have provided support for government cyber operations, and four Russian cyber officials. In addition, the administration ordered 35 Russian operatives to leave the US and will shut down Russian-owned facilities in Maryland and New York. Three Russian diplomats in San Francisco are among those told to leave.

SOURCE: 29 December 2016, [Washington Post](#), [SF Gate](#)

#### (U) New York –Massive Sand Trucks Added to NYC's New Year's Eve Security Plans

(U) New York City – New York City is coordinating large-scale security operations in preparation for New Year's Eve celebrations after terrorist attacks in Europe in which trucks were driven into crowds. The city is placing 65 sand trucks weighing 40 tons each in strategic locations around Times Square. Police are also doubling the number of blocker vehicles, increasing its long-gun teams at security checkpoints, and using helicopters and boats to monitor the area. Nearly 7,000 police officers will be on patrol, some in plain clothes to blend in with the crowd. Two million people are expected to be in Times Square on New Year's Eve.

SOURCE: 30 December 2016, [CBS News](#), [USA Today](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Australia – Terrorism Squad Arrests Man at Sydney Airport Over New Year's Eve 'Threat'

(U) Sydney – A 40-year-old man has been arrested and charged over making threats online targeting Sydney's New Year's Eve festivities. Officers from New South Wales' Terrorism Investigation Squad arrested the man at Sydney's international airport yesterday after receiving a tip-off from the public. The suspect made suspicious posts on Facebook regarding possible activity that he could be

undertaking, according to authorities. The acting Deputy Commissioner said the man did not have links to any known organizations, and the matter is still under investigation.

SOURCE: 29 December 2016, [ABC Australia](#)

**(U) South Korea – North Korean Hackers Could ‘Paralyze’ US Pacific Command Control Center**

(U) Jinju – A full-scale targeted cyberattack launched by North Korean hackers could potentially paralyze the US Pacific Command (US PACOM) control center, according to a report issued by a South Korean state-run agency. South Korea defense experts reportedly believe that North Korea is growing its cyber capabilities and could potentially cause widespread damage to the US military and key critical infrastructure. The South Korean Defense Ministry estimated that North Korea has a 6,800-strong cyber unit, with extensive expertise in conducting attacks. Some experts speculate that the actual number making up the elite hacker unit to be much larger.

SOURCE: 29 December 2016, [International Business Times](#)

**(U) Ukraine – Police Arrest Man Suspected of Planning Berlin Copycat Attack**

(U) Kiev – Ukrainian police arrested a 31-year-old man today accused of killing a woman and her daughter, and who they suspect was planning to mow down citizens with a truck, like the attack on innocent bystanders at the Berlin Christmas market. Police said the man murdered two people in a village in southern Odessa before setting fire to two houses and escaping in a stolen truck. Officers detained the man after finding him hiding in an abandoned home. The suspect’s friend said the man was planning to run over a large crowd of people with the stolen truck, according to police.

SOURCE: 30 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

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